

NEWS REVIEW OF  
CURRENT EVENTS**Russians and Germans Almost  
Break Up the Economic Con-  
ference at Genoa.**

## SIGN TREATY OF THEIR OWN

**Allies Bar Germany From Chief Com-  
mittee but Neutral Protest—Lig-  
ting in Ireland Increases—Little  
Navy Advocates Are Defeat-  
ed in the House.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FOR several days last week it was thought the Genoa conference was about to break up in a row, but at this writing it appears possible that the trouble will be fixed up and the discussion of plans for the economic regeneration of Europe will continue. Germany and Russia precipitated the row, and the former got most of the blame, the soviet delegate, Tchitcherine, being credited with a clever move. Following up the negotiations begun in Berlin he and Doctor Rathenau got together in Rapallo and signed for their respective governments a treaty that anticipates what might be done by the Genoa conference. The two countries agree to cancel all war debts, all claims for war damages, and all claims for damages due to the soviet's nationalizing German property, providing Russia does not repay other foreign nations for this nationalization. In the latter case, Germany maintains the right to claim damages. It is agreed that Germany and Russia recognize each other and resume full diplomatic and trade relations, that they treat each other as most favored nations, and that the treaty of Brest-Litovsk is canceled.

Announcement of this pact brought expressions of indignation from Lloyd George and Barthou, who were seconded rather weakly by Facta of Italy, and more earnestly by Thierys of Belgium and Ishii of Japan. These five statesmen then called in the delegates of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania and Jugoslavia and all signed a note to the German delegation telling of their pained surprise at its action, which they said violated the conditions Germany accepted when she entered the conference, and their decision that as a result Germany should not be permitted to take part in any future discussions or decisions relating to Russian affairs.

The Germans took this kick rather calmly, and some of them said they would rather leave Genoa than withdraw the treaty—a choice which Lloyd George offered them Wednesday. But the neutral nations—Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Spain and Switzerland—promptly lined up against the allies and joined Russia in the defiant statement that Germany could not be barred from participation in discussion of Russian affairs except by full vote of the conference. This action was actuated both by resentment against the British premier's attempts to dominate the conference and by the fear that in the private conversations that have been going on in his Genoa villa arrangements would be made with Russia that would prejudice the interests of the smaller powers. The Russians also insisted that Germany must sit in all conferences because there were many questions still at issue between Germany and Russia. On Thursday, however, Lloyd George said the Germans had agreed not to participate in discussions of Russian affairs.

**BARTHOLOMEW OF FRANCE** held with Lloyd George that the Russo-German pact revealed violations of the treaty of Versailles and that the Germans must be excluded. He was backed up to the limit by his government. Premier Poincare sent to the French ambassadors in the allied countries instructions to insist that energetic measures be taken and penalties applied to Germany if the Rapallo treaty were not abrogated, regardless of what the Genoa conference might decide in the matter. He held that the execution of the treaty of Versailles must be insisted upon now. Both the British and the French feel that the Russo-German pact, while nominally economic, is in reality political and embodies a distinct threat of a complete alliance of the two countries against the entente. It is believed, too, that it would result in the commercial suffocation of Poland and perhaps of the other small nations that lie between Russia and Germany and along the Baltic, and those of the little entente.

One thing is evident: France's fear that the Genoa conference would get into a muddle, and her absolute distrust of Germany's good faith and good intentions are justified. A writer in the Paris L'Esclair says Germany has sent 12,000 "shock troops" into the Ruhr and is ready for resistance in Silesia, while the soviet armies are threatening the Polish and Rumanian frontiers. He adds: "There is no time to lose if we want to avoid war." The nationalists of Italy are no less alarmed, seeing in the pact prepara-

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ALLIES PLAN TO  
RESTORE RUSSIA**Parley Begins at Genoa for Re-  
construction of Soviet  
Government.**

Genoa, April 24.—Actual work on a plan for the reconstruction of Russia was started by experts representing the soviet government, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Holland.

The heated politics surrounded the Russian problems has been cooled by M. Tchitcherine's note, accepting in the main the allied formula stating the terms on which the great powers are willing to resume business relations with Russia.

## No Plans for Loans to Russia.

Sir Edward Grigg, private secretary to the British prime minister, and others prominent in the conference have made it clear that no proposition has been put forward for government loans to Russia, nor government guarantees of loans. The idea of the financial and economic experts is that when Russia reaches a position where she can give investors assurance that foreigners will have protection under proper courts, abundant credits will be forthcoming to develop Russian resources.

The single important point of difference is the unwillingness of the Russians to restore the freehold title of foreigners' property, which has been nationalized or requisitioned by Russia, although they are willing to restore it to the former owners for their use. In the case of factories this would doubtless be on a concessional basis.

Such concerns as the International Harvester company, having factories or mines in Russia, have declined to consider taking concessions to run the properties which they contend are theirs.

## French Protest German Reply.

The French delegation has sent a note to Sig. Facta, chairman of the economic conference, protesting against the tenor of the reply of Germany to the allied note. The French contest the legality of the Russo-German treaty as contrary to the Cannes resolutions and ask Sig. Facta to call a meeting of the delegates of the nine powers signatory to the note of April 18 to settle the question.

The French spokesman also called attention to the paragraph in the Russian reply that the Russian government could not admit liability for the debts of its predecessors until the soviet was formally recognized de jure by the powers concerned. The spokesman said France could never admit that de jure recognition should precede the recognition of debts. French nationalists are heavy creditors of Russia.

## FIRE RAZES "WIND BLEW INN"

**Rendezvous for Bohemia in Chicago  
Burns and Fire Marshal Orders  
Investigation.**

Chicago, April 24.—The Wind Blew Inn, 116 East Ohio street, rendezvous of the artistic bent of Chicago's north side near Bohemia and haven of "uplift and self-expression," blew out, when fire, believed to have been incendiary, attacked the two-story frame building, virtually destroying it. Arthur Feyslerick, second assistant fire marshal, announced that an investigation would be made to determine whether the fire was incendiary.

There are no electric wires in the house from which the blaze could have started. The only illumination was by candles, which, Miss Calley explained, not only cost less than electric lights, but gave that grayish cathedral tone so vital to a cafe a la Greenwich village.

## 'BLIND BOSS' OF FRISCO DIES

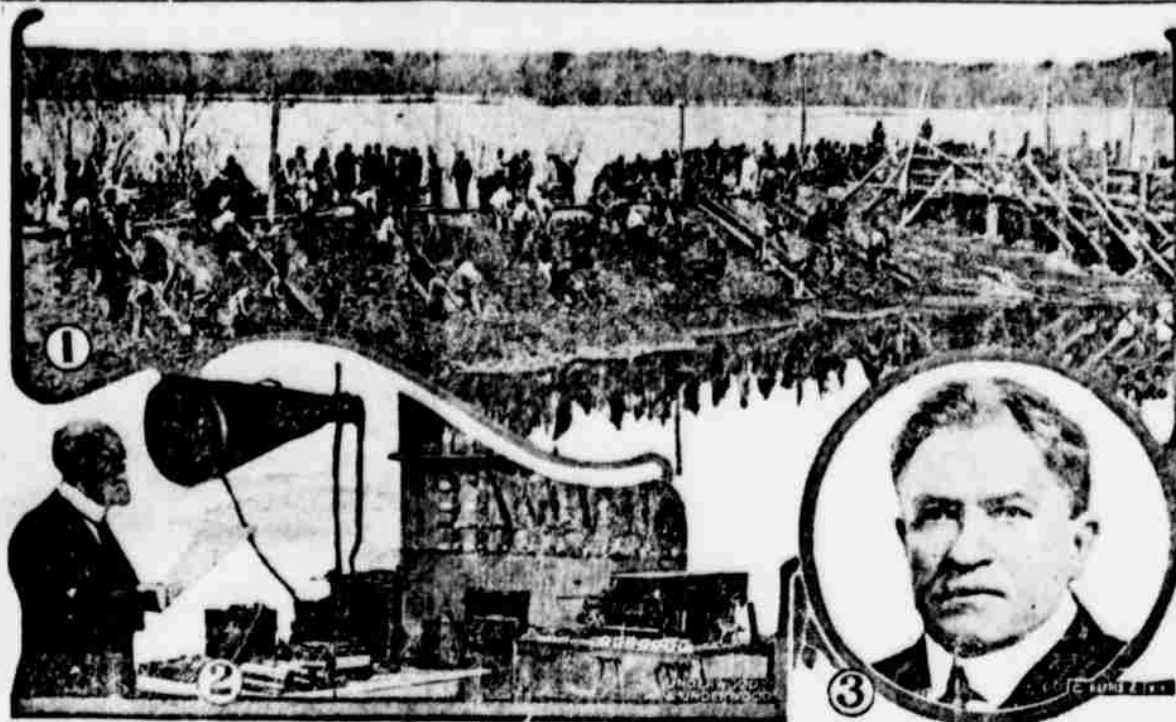
**Well-Known Men Condoled With Mrs.  
Christopher A. Buckley Over  
Death of Husband.**

San Francisco, April 24.—Messages of condolence to Mrs. Christopher A. Buckley, widow of "the blind boss" of San Francisco, who died at his home, have been received from Charles F. Murphy, New York political leader; Tom Taggart of Indiana, William A. Pinkerton of the Pinkerton Detective agency, Congressman Julius Kahn and many other friends of the picturesque political leader.

## SOVIET CHIEFS SHOCK GENOA

**Russian Foreign Minister Accepts In-  
vitation to Dine With King  
of Italy.**

Genoa, April 24.—George Tchitcherine the Russian soviet foreign minister, gave the Italian Socialists and Communists a shock by meeting King Victor Emmanuel on the king's visit here and accepting his majesty's invitation to luncheon on board the Italian dreadnought Conte di Cavour.



1.—Desperate efforts to save a big levee at Memphis during the Mississippi river valley floods. 2.—Professor Charles E. Fay, dean of Tufts college, Boston, delivering the first lecture in the college's radio lecture course. 3.—Former U. S. Senator S. H. Piles of Seattle, who has been appointed minister to Colombia.

## GIRL KILLED BY AUTO

Beatrice Willett, 14 years old, was instantly killed when the automobile in which she was riding turned over near Smith Mills, in Union county, Saturday. The girl's neck was broken. Her sister, Mary Francis Willett, and Russell Scott and Jack Cavens were the other occupants of the car who sustained minor injuries.

STILL DESTROYED IN ROCK-  
CASTLE NEAR BEREA

Last Thursday, April 20, Sheriff Elmer Deatherage and deputies, Franklin Deatherage, Ben Davis, Marshal L. C. Powell and Prohibition Officer Duff destroyed a still in Rockcastle county in the head of Davis Branch near the top of Scaffold Cane hill.

The worm was brought to Berea and deposited in the Berea National Bank.

SPRINGFIELD POWER HOUSE  
DESTROYED BY FIRE

The power house at Springfield, operated by the Springfield and Campbellsville Utilities Co., was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The plant consisted of brick and frame structures containing the most modern machinery, recently installed, for generating electricity, pumping water and manufacturing ice, and was valued at approximately \$100,000. The loss is well covered by insurance.

The fire originated from a tank of oil which exploded.

VICTIM OF PECULIAR ACCIDENT  
IN ESTILL

(Richmond Register)  
Vernon Turpin, of Estill county, was brought to the Gibson Hospital Monday, the victim of a very peculiar accident. While sawing lumber at his father's mill a piece of slab scaled off the plank and stuck in his flesh just below the left shoulder blade and penetrated the lung. Mr. Turpin is about 40 years of age. He is suffering intensely and his condition is said to be very serious. He is a nephew of Judge N. B. Turpin, of this city, and has a number of friends here who are sorry to learn of the unfortunate accident.

POWELL COUNTY MAY LOSE  
COUNTY AGENT

Former Berean May Quit  
H. H. Harrison, who has been county agent of Powell for several years, will soon give up the work unless the fiscal court makes an appropriation for a part of his salary. The Extension Department of Agriculture has backed up the County Agent's work up to the present time, but now they have asked the fiscal court to make an allowance. The court failing to do this, the county will have to go without an agent. Mr. Harrison has done good work among the farmers and it is with deep regret we see him go.

## Boy Held

Syracuse, N. Y.—A story of cruelty and depravity, rivaling those of the night of starvation and suffering of the children of Russia and other European countries, was disclosed here. Police rescued Kenneth Vermier, 5 years old, partly nude, from the cellar of the family home here, where he is said to have been imprisoned for two months. The boy's father is Herbert Vermier, production superintendent at one of the city's largest industrial plants.

## Better-County Campaign

**Berea College Extension and The Courier-Journal  
to Promote Rural Activities in the Mountains**

A better-county campaign is to be launched in the mountain counties of Eastern Kentucky by the Berea College Extension Department, beginning August 1st. In order to simulate interest among the counties included in the campaign, Judge Robert W. Bingham and Wallace T. Hughes, thru the Courier-Journal of Louisville, are offering the sum of \$5,000, to be given in two prizes of \$3,000 and \$2,000 to the counties showing the largest percentage of improvement in the work outlined by the Extension Department.

This contest will appear to be startlingly new to the casual reader, but it is not at all new. There are many counties now in the state that have had, and are still having, achievement competition among community clubs. The central organization of the better-county campaign is the community club, and it is in direct keeping with the plan of the state department of agriculture in promoting local organizations and community patriotism thruout the state. The Extension Department also plans to develop a competitive campaign among local clubs in each county, the winning club to receive special recognition in the form of a prize. If all the communities of the county should enter a community contest, the result would be the raising of the whole county toward the goal sought in the better-county campaign.

There are ten important phases of country life to be influenced by this campaign: Schools, churches and Sunday-schools, sanitation and health, better homes, road improvement, agriculture and livestock, farmers' organizations, junior clubs, newspaper and magazine circulation, and cooperation. Every county should strive to make the most advancement possible along every line indicated in this list. It is not the purpose of the Extension Department to make impossible demands of the counties. Everything required of individuals and groups will be practicable. For example, under the heading of schools will come the up-keep of buildings, beautifying of grounds, painting or white-washing, increased attendance.

BOY WHO BROKE JAIL AT MT.  
VERNON IS RE-CAPTURED

Stevie McQueen, who is alleged to have shot Isaac Coyle, near Big Hill, some time ago, sawed out of Mt. Vernon jail Thursday night. It is thought that he received aid from the outside. Cornett, who was in the same cell and charged with the same crime, was not able to escape because he was too large to get thru the opening, it is believed.

McQueen was captured by Charlie King, Saturday night when McQueen came to the door to get food. King received the \$300 reward that was issued for McQueen's capture.

BEREAN ARRESTED IN KNOX-  
VILLE

L. C. Brock, who left Berea several months ago, was arrested in Knoxville, and was brought to Richmond last week by L. C. Powell, on a charge of deserting his family. It was also alleged that Brock passed cold checks. He made bond of \$1500 to await trial.

better prepared teachers, and cooperation of parents. The record of last year, and the condition of the school as a whole, when the contest begins will form the basis of tabulating the progress made during the year. This can be ascertained by honest and careful inquiry, and at the end of the contest an inventory will be taken again to determine the progress that has been made. It means that the county superintendent and his teachers will be the promoters of the school phase of the campaign; that the county agent and his agricultural organization will become the leaders in the agricultural and club phases.

The promoters of the campaign confidently believe every forward-looking citizen in the counties that enter the contest will enthusiastically get behind the movement. Judge Bingham and Mr. Hughes considered it so valuable that when they were asked for a \$3,000 prize, volunteered to make it \$5,000. Four counties have indicated their desire to enter the contest even before any publicity was given to the project. Eastern Kentucky is on the upward move, and it is to be expected that many counties will be anxious to get into the contest.

Not only is the Berea College Extension Department promoting the idea, but it stands ready to cooperate in every way possible with every county that enters the contest in making improvements along all the lines outlined in the campaign. The Superintendent of Extension will give a large portion of his time to aiding the counties toward the ultimate goal. Many outside agencies such as the State Department of Education, Department of Public Health, Department of Agriculture, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and the State University will endorse the movement and cooperate with all counties calling upon them. Counties, or leaders in counties, wishing to get further information about the campaign with a view to entering it should write at once to M. E. Vaughn, Secretary of Berea College and Superintendent of Extension.

FARMER SHOT BY YOUTH IN  
JEFFERSON CO.

James Whittaker, 68, a farmer living at Tucker's Station was shot and probably fatally wounded Saturday afternoon by a young man named Bedford Harris. It is reported that the shooting came about as a result of an attempt by Mr. Whittaker to break up a courtship between Harris and his daughter, Anna Whittaker. Harris was arrested and taken to the Jefferson County jail on a charge of shooting and wounding.

BOY STABBED AFTER WREST-  
LING MATCH

Frank Carter, of Corbin, was stabbed by Clay Conn, of Wallacetown, Sunday, after a wrestling match. The boys became angry over the outcome of the match and Conn stabbed Carter in the sack of the heart. He was immediately brought to the Robinson Hospital, where he remains in a dangerous condition.

## World News

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The conference at Genoa has already passed thru some turbulent experiences but now seems to be settling down a little better. It has been decided that Germany, because of her treaty with Russia can take no part in any of the conferences that affect Russia. Russia continues to ask for recognition and for money and credit. Only on these terms will she promise to be responsible for her debts. It has been shown that there is but little money in Europe that could be loaned to Russia and it has been plainly stated that what there is could not be turned into the hands of the soviet administration. France has threatened to withdraw from the conference unless it can be carried forward along lines previously agreed upon. She will not admit any tampering with the Treaty of Versailles.

Conditions in China are sufficiently disturbed to warrant the U. S. in sending a warship into Chinese waters in case Americans citizens need protection. A Manchurian general, Chang Tsao Lin, has undertaken to unify the country which has been for some time much divided. He has control of the government at Peking. The capital is isolated at present from the rest of China. He seems to have the support of some of the leading men in South China who have always regarded the government at Peking as responsible for a militarist policy and for the intervention of Japan. If a movement for unity could succeed, it would be a good thing as China's future largely depends upon her ability to develop a strong unified state. The U. S. would like to see that done if it were properly done.

The marriage of King Alexander of Jugo-Slavia and Princess Marie of Rumania is an event of significance from the fact that it brings two of the Balkan States into closer relation. Alexander is the successor of King Peter, of Serbia, who died a short time ago. Jugo-Slavia is the realization of the Servians' hopes and ambitions, as it brings under one government peoples of a similar race. Rumania also was increased in size, and its boundaries rounded out to include those of similar stock living under the jurisdiction of Austria-Hungary. The princess, Marie, is popular and inherits some of the beauty and ability of her mother who was conspicuous among all the queens of Europe interested in all movements for betterment of her people and a writer of distinction.

The new ruler of Egypt, King Fuad, has begun his reign with something of promise. Extravagance has been a characteristic of the Egyptian rulers, and it was this that led to the intervention of European countries in the last century. The new king rules over a better country because of the English occupation, and if he proves to be capable of developing his country and devoting his energies to the good of his people rather than luxurious living, Egypt may have a permanent place among the nations. There should be much of inspiration to a ruler in guiding the fortunes of a country that has such a history as Egypt. The course of the new king will be carefully watched, especially by England.

Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, was a personal visitor at the Genoa Conference recently. He shows much familiarity with the proceedings and interest in them. The Russian representative, Tchitcherine, was entertained on the Battleship, Dante, and dined with the King. Incidentally, a picture was taken of the two together, including also the representative from France. The Frenchman was considerably displeased and tried to get possession of the film. Russian communistic ideas have not been popular in Italy, and the King's action did not receive unanimous approval. The ruler of Italy is democratic in his character and often does things that would seem daring to other monarchs. The personal meeting of men from different countries is one of the advantages of the Conference.